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## STATEMENTS FROM CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO AND COLORADO MEDICAID IN RESPONSE TO ENROLLMENT REPORT FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

"Interest remains strong in Colorado to shop for health insurance and to apply for new financial help to reduce costs. We are focused on helping our customers get the support they need to sign up for health coverage. We continue to work with our partners to make the shopping experience better and to meet the needs of Coloradans."

- Patty Fontneau, CEO, Connect for Health Colorado

"Colorado is proud to be working in close partnership with our state-based marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado. We are pleased that we are among the leading states in the country and will continue to make improvements to make it easier for Coloradans to apply for coverage. Our goal is to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation."

- Susan Birch, Executive Director, Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

**About Connect for Health Colorado:** Connect for Health Colorado is a new health insurance marketplace that opened October 1 for individuals, families and small employers across Colorado. The marketplace, built just for Colorado, includes a customer support network of Customer Service Center Representatives, Health Coverage Guides and licensed brokers to help Coloradans shop and enroll. Connect for Health Colorado, a non-profit entity established by a 2011 state law, is the only place where Coloradans can access new federal financial assistance to reduce costs.

About the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: The department administers the Medicaid and Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) programs as well as a variety of other programs for low-income Coloradans who qualify. The mission of the department is to improve health care access and outcomes for the people we serve while demonstrating sound stewardship of financial resources. For more information about the department, please visit <u>Colorado.gov/hcpf</u>.

More information about Colorado Medicaid is available  $\underline{\text{here}}$  and more information about Connect for Health Colorado is available  $\underline{\text{here}}$ .